

It's people like Teresa Nelson and organizations like Support our Soldiers who embody the American spirit of gratitude and generosity. Our nation is free today because of the selfless sacrifices of thousands of brave men and women who have answered the call of duty. We owe these troops and their families abundant support, whether it's food, shelter, clothing, or comfort. I commend SOS for their commitment to providing this much-needed support, and I am proud to know the wonderful leaders and volunteers of this great organization.

God bless our troops and God bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JILLIAN DAGON ANDOLINA

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a truly courageous young woman, Jillian Dagon Andolina. Jill, 26, passed away on May 11, 2013 after a two-and-a-half-year battle with leukemia. She always carried a bright smile with her and was an inspiration for her parents, Dr. Richard and Molly Andolina, and for all those in our community who had the fortune of meeting her.

A resident of Arkport, New York, Jill graduated from Arkport Central School in 2005. She received an associate's degree from SUNY Alfred before continuing on to SUNY Geneseo where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2009. The diagnosis of leukemia interrupted her plan to acquire a master's degree in November of 2010.

Despite this setback, Jill persevered through chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants to remain an active member of the community. She was a member of the Hornell Association and the Arkport American Legion Post 1248 Auxiliary. The Hornell Humane Society and Relay for Life were also graced with her time and efforts.

Jill Andolina will be missed by all, but her legacy will continue to inspire. She touched the lives of hundreds of people and her spirit and determination motivate each and every one of us every day.

TRIBUTE TO PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a hospital system that has served as a beacon for 75 years in Columbia, South Carolina. Providence Hospital in the Palmetto State's capital city has provided extraordinary care and healing for three quarters of a century, earning it the appreciation and admiration of a grateful community.

Providence Hospital was founded in 1938 as an act of faith and charity. The vision behind the hospital came from Father Martin C. Murphy of St. Peter's Church, who wanted to bring the quality care that Catholic hospitals

provide to the Columbia area. With a generous donation from local businessman James B. Younginer, he was able to put a downpayment on an 18-acre tract of land. The final piece of the puzzle fell into place when the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine in Ohio mortgaged their motherhouse in Cleveland in order to finance the new hospital. This was extraordinary considering the sisters had never been to Columbia.

Today Providence Hospital operates under the auspices of the Sisters of Charity Health System. Over the last 75 years, the non-profit organization has grown to provide 304 beds in four hospitals: Providence Hospital, Providence Heart & Vascular Institute, Providence Hospital Northeast and Providence Orthopaedic & Neuro Spine Institute. Providence Hospital is a faith-based health care facility that employs more than 1,900 caring individuals.

Providence Hospital is renowned as South Carolina's "heart hospital." Since 1974, Providence Heart & Vascular Institute physicians and staff have performed more cardiovascular procedures than any medical team in the state. It is recognized statewide as a referral center for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

In 1985, Providence Hospital added a helicopter service to help bring critically ill patients to the facility to be treated. Today LifeNet South Carolina is a 24 hour a day airborne intensive care unit serving Providence and other facilities in the Carolinas and Georgia.

In 1999, Providence Hospital established a 46-bed community hospital in the Northeast area of Columbia. This facility offers a range of medical services in surgery, emergency care, women's and children's services and rehabilitation. Also located on this campus is the Providence Orthopaedic & Neuro Spine Institute, which offers an integrated continuum of care for orthopaedic and neurosurgical patients throughout the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Providence Hospital for its 75 years of compassionate health care. As the facility continues to grow and expand, I commend Providence for its commitment to improving the delivery of quality health care to the people of South Carolina and maintaining its focus on faith. Providence Hospital has become synonymous with exceptional patient care and embodying the values of respect, compassion, collaboration, courage and justice. I look forward to its continued service to the community and the Creator.

5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PARKERSBURG TORNADO

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, May 25th, 2008, a devastating tornado ripped through northeastern Iowa. This was the strongest to hit Iowa in 32 years and the most powerful tornado in the United States that year, leaving a path of devastation throughout Iowa's First District. Five communities—Dunkerton, Hazelton, New Hartford, Lamont, and Parkersburg, Iowa—suffered massive damage. Eight people lost their lives, 50 busi-

nesses were destroyed, and thousands of homes were severely damaged.

Five years later, the memory of the tornado is still fresh in the minds of many Iowans. But tremendous progress has been made since then. Parkersburg is a model for recovery after a natural disaster. Through community service the town has rebuilt and come together to improve the lives of its citizens and its community.

I also want to acknowledge the tragic events in Oklahoma. The people of Iowa stand in solidarity with those affected by the devastation caused by the tornado. Our hearts and prayers go out to them. We take solace in knowing that if communities like Parkersburg can rebuild after such tragedy, then there is hope for the people of Oklahoma.

These communities have shown incredible strength and resolve in the face of such a terrible catastrophe. As we look to the future, we must never forget the service and sacrifice made by those who have rebuilt and revitalized Parkersburg.

HONORING OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, with Memorial Day just around the corner, I rise to honor the memory of our brave men and women in uniform who have sacrificed their lives for our country in what Abraham Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion."

At this weekend's parades, festivals, and barbecues, let's all pause for a moment to recognize the sacrifices of those who put themselves in harm's way so we don't have to.

Let's continue to support our troops on the battlefield, and let's make sure to support our veterans and their families when they return home. That means ensuring quality health care for the 61,000 veterans in New Mexico's First Congressional District, ending the unconscionable backlog of disability claims at the VA, and providing our veterans with good-paying jobs.

Our national heroes deserve nothing less.

HONORING ANDREW REID BRYAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Reid Bryan, who will be graduating from Patriot High School in Nokesville, VA on June 13, 2013.

Andrew is a member of the National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America, a two-time Varsity Boy's Lacrosse team captain, and has earned All District Athletic Honors as well as All District Academic Honors. Andrew also made the academic honor roll for both his junior and senior years. He plans to continue his education at Stevenson University in Baltimore, Maryland, where